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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2007–2008 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State standards known as *Learning Results*, adopted by the Maine Legislature in 1997. These *Learning Results* established goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and are the basis for Grade Level/Span Expectations, which describe the assessment standards for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*.

The 2007-2008 MEA summary reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades, science and technology at grades 4 and 8, and writing at grade 5 based on achievement standards set in 2006 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. The grade 5 writing reports provide information on a student's ability to respond to a prompt measuring narrative writing. More information about the design of the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the Maine Educational Assessment.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education



School Report Grade 8

Test Date: March 2008
Code: 12181567
SAU: MSAD 24
School: Van Buren District Secondary

Contents of the Report

The report is divided into two main sections including a section describing the students tested and a separate section for the results in each content area.

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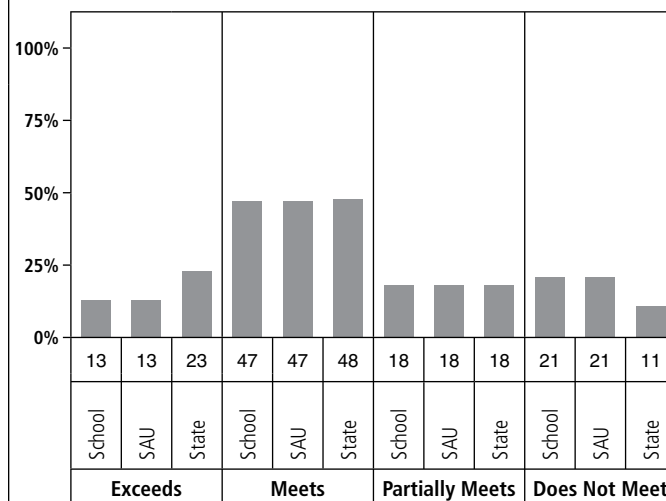
SUMMARY OF SCORES

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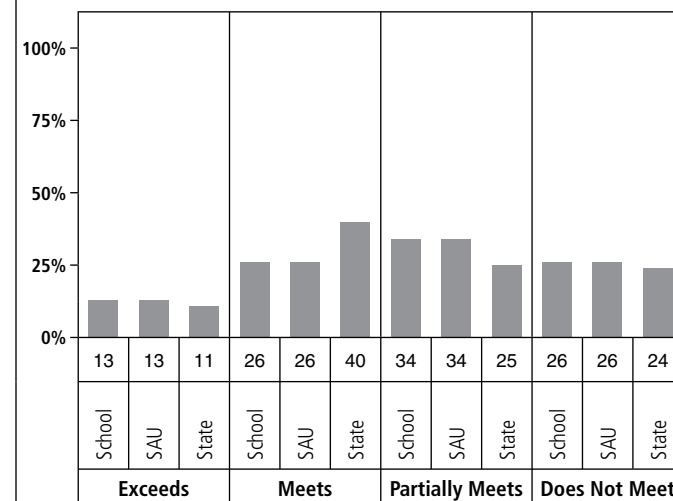
Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading			
2005–2006	832	832	845
2006–2007	844	844	847
2007–2008	844	844	849
Cum. Avg. *	840	840	847
Mathematics			
2005–2006	830	830	840
2006–2007	834	834	842
2007–2008	837	837	841
Cum. Avg. *	834	834	841
Science & Technology			
2005–2006	839	839	846
2006–2007	843	843	847
2007–2008	843	843	847
Cum. Avg. *	842	842	847

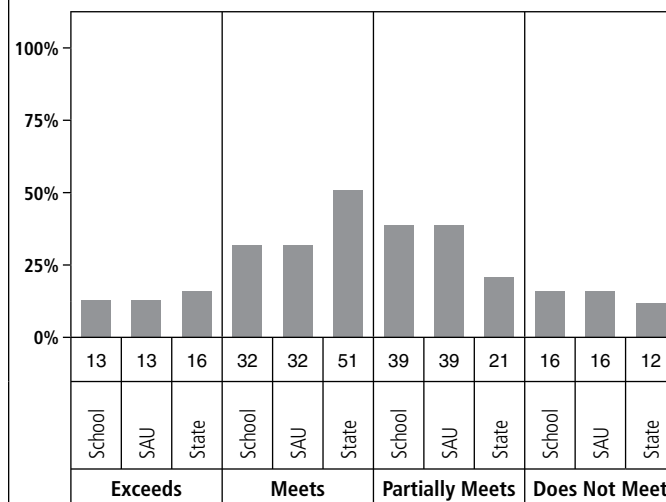
ELA – READING



MATHEMATICS



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2008
 Grade: 8
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CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION ²																							
							ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science and Technology											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	38	100	38	100	15274	100	38	100	38	100	15102	99	38	100	38	100	15097	99	38	100	38	100	15080	99						
Ethnicity African American/Black	1	3	1	3	368	2	1	100	1	100	356	97	1	100	1	100	360	98	1	100	1	100	356	97						
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	120	1	0	0	0	0	117	98	0	0	0	0	117	98	0	0	0	0	117	98						
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	186	1	0	0	0	0	181	97	0	0	0	0	182	98	0	0	0	0	182	98						
Hispanic	1	3	1	3	139	1	1	100	1	100	136	98	1	100	1	100	136	98	1	100	1	100	136	98						
Caucasian/White	36	95	36	95	14461	95	36	100	36	100	14312	99	36	100	36	100	14302	99	36	100	36	100	14289	99						
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Identified disability	4	11	4	11	2508	16	4	100	4	100	2446	98	4	100	4	100	2441	98	4	100	4	100	2431	98						
Current LEP	8	21	8	21	327	2	8	100	8	100	316	97	8	100	8	100	322	99	8	100	8	100	322	99						
Economically disadvantaged	22	58	22	58	5420	35	22	100	22	100	5329	99	22	100	22	100	5324	99	22	100	22	100	5313	98						
Migrant	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	100	0	0	0	0	7	100	0	0	0	0	7	100						

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science and Technology											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	38	100	38	100	12703	83	38	100	38	100	12694	83	38	100	38	100	12710	83						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	4	11	4	11	437	3	4	11	4	11	421	3	4	11	4	11	445	4						
LEP	8	21	8	21	172	1	8	21	8	21	172	1	8	21	8	21	173	1						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	229	2	0	0	0	0	231	2	0	0	0	0	230	2						
Participation with accommodations	0	0	0	0	2221	15	0	0	0	0	2227	15	0	0	0	0	2197	14						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	1832	82	0	0	0	0	1844	83	0	0	0	0	1813	83						
LEP	0	0	0	0	136	6	0	0	0	0	143	6	0	0	0	0	142	6						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	68	3	0	0	0	0	66	3	0	0	0	0	66	3						
Other	0	0	0	0	213	10	0	0	0	0	202	9	0	0	0	0	204	9						
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0	0	0	177	1	0	0	0	0	176	1	0	0	0	0	173	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	177	100	0	0	0	0	176	100	0	0	0	0	173	100						
LEP	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	7	4						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0	0	0	1	0																		
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	0						
Non-participation – other	0	0	0	0	140	1	0	0	0	0	143	1	0	0	0	0	160	1						

1 Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

2 Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

3 Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 8
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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (scaled score 861–880)	2005-2006	2	6	2	6	2695	17
	2006-2007	3	10	3	10	2407	16
	2007-2008	5	13	5	13	3428	23
	Cum. Total*	10	10	10	10	8530	18
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (scaled score 841–860)	2005-2006	9	29	9	28	6830	42
	2006-2007	14	48	14	48	7494	49
	2007-2008	18	47	18	47	7179	48
	Cum. Total*	41	42	41	41	21503	46
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (scaled score 829–840)	2005-2006	6	19	6	19	3741	23
	2006-2007	8	28	8	28	3628	24
	2007-2008	7	18	7	18	2706	18
	Cum. Total*	21	21	21	21	10075	22
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (scaled score 800–828)	2005-2006	14	45	15	47	3003	18
	2006-2007	4	14	4	14	1810	12
	2007-2008	8	21	8	21	1611	11
	Cum. Total*	26	27	27	27	6424	14

Learning Results Content Standard Cluster	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Reading Cluster	56	100	33.4	59.6	33.4	59.6	36.9	65.9
Literary Text	28	50	16.4	58.6	16.4	58.6	18.3	65.4
Informational Text	28	50	17.1	61.1	17.1	61.1	18.6	66.4

The Maine *Learning Results* reading cluster includes Content Standards A (Process of Reading), B (Literature and Culture), and D (Informational Texts). The MEA assesses students’ reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. Items on the MEA measure Grade Level Expectations, based on Maine’s 1997 *Learning Results*, which can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm>.

ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	38	5	13	18	47	7	18	8	21	844	38	13	47	18	21	844	14924	23	48	18	11	849
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	1										1						348	11	38	22	29	840
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						117	9	43	29	19	842
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						179	32	39	18	11	852
Hispanic	1										1						131	18	38	27	17	846
Caucasian/White	36	4	11	17	47	7	19	8	22	843	36	11	47	19	22	843	14149	23	49	18	10	850
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	4										4						2269	3	24	32	42	833
No	34	5	15	18	53	7	21	4	12	847	34	15	53	21	12	847	12655	27	52	16	5	852
Current LEP																						
Yes	8	0	0	1	13	4	50	3	38	834	8	0	13	50	38	834	308	8	30	27	34	837
No	30	5	17	17	57	3	10	5	17	846	30	17	57	10	17	846	14616	23	48	18	10	850
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	22	1	5	9	41	5	23	7	32	837	22	5	41	23	32	837	5222	12	44	25	19	843
No	16	4	25	9	56	2	13	1	6	853	16	25	56	13	6	853	9702	29	50	14	7	853
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						7	0	86	0	14	850
No	38	5	13	18	47	7	18	8	21	844	38	13	47	18	21	844	14917	23	48	18	11	849
Gender																						
Female	18	2	11	7	39	5	28	4	22	842	18	11	39	28	22	842	7198	30	48	15	7	853
Male	20	3	15	11	55	2	10	4	20	845	20	15	55	10	20	845	7726	17	49	21	14	847
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						807	9	41	32	18	842
No	38	5	13	18	47	7	18	8	21	844	38	13	47	18	21	844	14117	24	49	17	10	850
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						592	71	28	1	0	867
No	38	5	13	18	47	7	18	8	21	844	38	13	47	18	21	844	14332	21	49	19	11	849

E = Exceeds the Standards M = Meets the Standards P = Partially Meets the Standards D = Does Not Meet the Standards

NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. N = Number

ELA–READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State														
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	
		%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
How much homework do you do on school nights?																															
A. none	0										0										9	10	39	24	26					841	
B. less than one hour	47	4	22	7	39	2	11	5	28	844	47	22	39	11	28	844	46	20	50	20	11	46	20	50	20	11				849	
C. one to two hours	50	1	5	10	53	5	26	3	16	843	50	5	53	26	16	843	41	28	49	15	7	41	28	49	15	7				852	
D. more than two hours	3	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	850	3	0	100	0	0	850	5	28	44	15	12	5	28	44	15	12				850	
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?																															
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	29	1	9	7	64	1	9	2	18	849	29	9	64	9	18	849	33	31	48	14	7	33	31	48	14	7				853	
B. They match some of what I have learned.	53	4	20	7	35	5	25	4	20	844	53	20	35	25	20	844	53	21	51	19	9	53	21	51	19	9				849	
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	18	0	0	4	57	1	14	2	29	835	18	0	57	14	29	835	11	14	41	25	20	11	14	41	25	20				844	
D. There is no match.	0										0						3	6	34	26	35	3	6	34	26	35				836	
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																															
A. very good	21	3	38	5	63	0	0	0	0	856	21	38	63	0	0	856	31	42	44	8	6	31	42	44	8	6				857	
B. good	66	2	8	12	48	6	24	5	20	843	66	8	48	24	20	843	49	19	54	19	9	49	19	54	19	9				849	
C. fair	11	0	0	1	25	1	25	2	50	829	11	0	25	25	50	829	18	5	42	31	22	18	5	42	31	22				840	
D. poor	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	818	3	0	0	0	100	818	2	4	29	32	34	2	4	29	32	34				835	
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																															
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	18	2	29	0	0	2	29	3	43	835	18	29	0	29	43	835	15	16	44	22	18	15	16	44	22	18				845	
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	68	2	8	15	58	5	19	4	15	845	68	8	58	19	15	845	65	23	49	18	9	65	23	49	18	9				850	
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	13	1	20	3	60	0	0	1	20	848	13	20	60	0	20	848	19	30	49	14	8	19	30	49	14	8				852	
How difficult were the reading passages on this test?																															
A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read.	11	0	0	0	0	1	25	3	75	830	11	0	0	25	75	830	9	8	33	28	31	9	8	33	28	31				838	
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	71	4	15	13	48	6	22	4	15	844	71	15	48	22	15	844	53	17	51	21	11	53	17	51	21	11				848	
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	18	1	14	5	71	0	0	1	14	851	18	14	71	0	14	851	38	36	48	11	5	38	36	48	11	5				855	
How hard did you try on the reading part of this test?																															
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	47	2	11	9	50	4	22	3	17	843	47	11	50	22	17	843	43	23	48	19	10	43	23	48	19	10				849	
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	53	3	15	9	45	3	15	5	25	844	53	15	45	15	25	844	51	25	49	17	9	51	25	49	17	9				851	
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	0										0						6	9	43	24	23	6	9	43	24	23				842	
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																															
A. more than one hour	18	1	14	1	14	3	43	2	29	838	18	14	14	43	29	838	18	31	47	13	9	18	31	47	13	9				852	
B. 20 minutes to an hour	32	1	8	9	75	0	0	2	17	847	32	8	75	0	17	847	41	28	49	15	7	41	28	49	15	7				852	
C. less than 20 minutes	13	0	0	2	40	2	40	1	20	839	13	0	40	40	20	839	13	20	49	18	12	13	20	49	18	12				848	
D. I rarely read at home.	37	3	21	6	43	2	14	3	21	845	37	21	43	14	21	845	28	12	47	26	16	28	12	47	26	16				844	
How do you feel about the following statement?																															
“My knowledge of reading will be useful to me as an adult.”																															
A. strongly agree	21	2	25	4	50	1	13	1	13	845	21	25	50	13	13	845	43	31	48	14	7	43	31	48	14	7				853	
B. agree	68	3	12	12	46	5	19	6	23	844	68	12	46	19	23	844	48	18	50	20	12	48	18	50	20	12				848	
C. disagree	8	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	848	8	0	67	33	0	848	6	11	43	24	21	6	11	43	24	21				843	
D. strongly disagree	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	828	3	0	0	0	100	828	2	6	36	32	26	2	6	36	32	26				839	
Optional school/SAU question																															
A.	0										0																				
B.	0										0																				
C.	0										0																				
D.	0										0																				

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (scaled score 861–880)	2005-2006	1	3	1	3	1714	11
	2006-2007	0	0	0	0	1952	13
	2007-2008	5	13	5	13	1657	11
	Cum. Total*	6	6	6	6	5323	11
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student’s work may contain minor errors. (scaled score 841–860)	2005-2006	5	16	5	16	5533	34
	2006-2007	10	34	10	34	5870	38
	2007-2008	10	26	10	26	5956	40
	Cum. Total*	25	26	25	25	17359	37
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (scaled score 829–840)	2005-2006	12	39	12	38	4764	29
	2006-2007	9	31	9	31	3982	26
	2007-2008	13	34	13	34	3729	25
	Cum. Total*	34	35	34	34	12475	27
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (scaled score 800–828)	2005-2006	13	42	14	44	4251	26
	2006-2007	10	34	10	34	3534	23
	2007-2008	10	26	10	26	3579	24
	Cum. Total*	33	34	34	34	11364	24

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations	16	29	8.7	54.4	8.7	54.4	8.4	52.5
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	25	4.2	30.0	4.2	30.0	5.9	42.1
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	8	14	4.5	56.3	4.5	56.3	4.6	57.5
Cluster 4: Patterns	18	32	8.3	46.1	8.3	46.1	8.9	49.4

- Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations**
 A. Numbers and Number Sense
 B. Computation
 I. Discrete Mathematics (grades 3 and 4 only)
- Cluster 2: Shape and Size**
 E. Geometry
 F. Measurement
- Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making**
 C. Data Analysis and Statistics
 D. Probability
- Cluster 4: Patterns**
 G. Patterns, Relations, and Functions
 H. Algebra Concepts
 K. Mathematical Communication

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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Test Date: March 2008
 Grade: 8
 SAU: MSAD 24
 School: Van Buren District Secondary

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	38	5	13	10	26	13	34	10	26	837	38	13	26	34	26	837	14921	11	40	25	24	841
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	1										1						352	2	23	23	52	828
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						117	5	22	33	39	832
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						181	24	42	20	14	848
Hispanic	1										1						131	7	34	26	33	836
Caucasian/White	36	5	14	9	25	12	33	10	28	837	36	14	25	33	28	837	14140	11	41	25	23	841
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	4										4						2265	1	14	22	62	824
No	34	5	15	10	29	13	38	6	18	841	34	15	29	38	18	841	12656	13	45	26	17	844
Current LEP																						
Yes	8	0	0	1	13	3	38	4	50	826	8	0	13	38	50	826	315	5	24	20	51	828
No	30	5	17	9	30	10	33	6	20	840	30	17	30	33	20	840	14606	11	40	25	23	841
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	22	1	5	5	23	9	41	7	32	833	22	5	23	41	32	833	5217	5	30	29	37	834
No	16	4	25	5	31	4	25	3	19	844	16	25	31	25	19	844	9704	15	45	23	17	845
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						7	0	43	43	14	838
No	38	5	13	10	26	13	34	10	26	837	38	13	26	34	26	837	14914	11	40	25	24	841
Gender																						
Female	18	1	6	3	17	9	50	5	28	832	18	6	17	50	28	832	7199	11	40	26	23	841
Male	20	4	20	7	35	4	20	5	25	842	20	20	35	20	25	842	7722	11	40	24	25	841
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						806	3	20	30	47	831
No	38	5	13	10	26	13	34	10	26	837	38	13	26	34	26	837	14115	12	41	25	23	842
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						592	58	39	2	1	864
No	38	5	13	10	26	13	34	10	26	837	38	13	26	34	26	837	14329	9	40	26	25	840

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 8
SAU: MSAD 24
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										0						9	5	30	23	41	833
B. less than one hour	47	3	17	5	28	6	33	4	22	840	47	17	28	33	22	840	46	10	40	26	25	840
C. one to two hours	50	2	11	5	26	6	32	6	32	835	50	11	26	32	32	835	41	14	42	25	19	843
D. more than two hours	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	834	3	0	0	100	0	834	5	14	38	23	24	842
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	24	2	22	3	33	3	33	1	11	844	24	22	33	33	11	844	30	17	43	22	18	845
B. They match some of what I have learned.	47	3	17	5	28	5	28	5	28	840	47	17	28	28	28	840	50	10	42	26	22	841
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	26	0	0	2	20	5	50	3	30	830	26	0	20	50	30	830	17	6	32	29	33	836
D. There is no match.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	802	3	0	0	0	100	802	4	3	18	25	54	828
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	29	5	45	4	36	2	18	0	0	857	29	45	36	18	0	857	26	29	46	14	11	851
B. good	39	0	0	3	20	7	47	5	33	831	39	0	20	47	33	831	45	7	46	27	20	841
C. fair	29	0	0	3	27	4	36	4	36	829	29	0	27	36	36	829	23	1	26	34	38	833
D. poor	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	802	3	0	0	0	100	802	5	1	14	29	57	827
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	34	0	0	3	23	6	46	4	31	829	34	0	23	46	31	829	34	4	35	28	32	836
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	63	4	17	7	29	7	29	6	25	841	63	17	29	29	25	841	52	10	43	26	21	842
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	3	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	864	3	100	0	0	0	864	13	33	40	14	13	852
How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	53	2	10	4	20	7	35	7	35	834	53	10	20	35	35	834	44	10	40	26	25	840
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	45	3	18	6	35	6	35	2	12	844	45	18	35	35	12	844	50	13	42	24	21	843
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	802	3	0	0	0	100	802	6	9	27	27	38	835
How often do you use laptops in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	0										0						9	6	38	27	29	837
B. two or three days a week	0										0						16	8	38	27	27	839
C. two or three times each month	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	836	3	0	0	100	0	836	28	12	41	27	21	843
D. never or almost never	97	5	14	10	27	12	32	10	27	837	97	14	27	32	27	837	48	13	40	23	24	842
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	11	1	25	2	50	0	0	1	25	848	11	25	50	0	25	848	38	14	42	23	21	843
B. two or three times a week	26	2	20	4	40	0	0	4	40	836	26	20	40	0	40	836	33	10	41	26	23	841
C. two or three times each month	39	1	7	2	13	10	67	2	13	838	39	7	13	67	13	838	18	10	36	27	27	840
D. never or almost never	24	1	11	2	22	3	33	3	33	833	24	11	22	33	33	833	11	7	34	26	33	836
How do you feel about the following statement? <i>"My knowledge of mathematics will be useful to me as an adult."</i>																						
A. strongly agree	61	4	17	6	26	9	39	4	17	840	61	17	26	39	17	840	54	14	44	23	18	844
B. agree	34	1	8	3	23	3	23	6	46	831	34	8	23	23	46	831	38	8	36	27	28	838
C. disagree	3	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	850	3	0	100	0	0	850	6	6	31	28	36	835
D. strongly disagree	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	836	3	0	0	100	0	836	2	3	23	25	49	831
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information, analyze and solve difficult problems using the processes of scientific inquiry, and explain complex concepts using evidence and proper terminology to support and communicate logical conclusions. (scaled score 861–880)	2005-2006	1	3	1	3	1879	12
	2006-2007	3	10	3	10	2192	14
	2007-2008	5	13	5	13	2371	16
	Cum. Total*	9	9	9	9	6442	14
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve routine problems using the processes of scientific inquiry and explain central concepts with sufficient clarity and accuracy to demonstrate general understanding. (scaled score 841–860)	2005-2006	11	35	11	34	8604	53
	2006-2007	15	52	15	52	7916	52
	2007-2008	12	32	12	32	7630	51
	Cum. Total*	38	39	38	38	24150	52
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in science and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems using scientific inquiry but the quality of responses is inconsistent. Explanation of concepts may be incomplete or unclear. (scaled score 831–840)	2005-2006	11	35	12	38	3618	22
	2006-2007	5	17	5	17	3340	22
	2007-2008	15	39	15	39	3175	21
	Cum. Total*	31	32	32	32	10133	22
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in science and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and use the skills of scientific inquiry. There are many inaccuracies and explanations are illogical, incomplete, or missing. (scaled score 800–830)	2005-2006	8	26	8	25	2174	13
	2006-2007	6	21	6	21	1865	12
	2007-2008	6	16	6	16	1731	12
	Cum. Total*	20	20	20	20	5770	12

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Life Sciences	14	25	7.0	50.0	7.0	50.0	8.1	57.9
Cluster 2: Physical Sciences	14	25	7.1	50.7	7.1	50.7	7.3	52.1
Cluster 3: Earth and Space Sciences	14	25	6.6	47.1	6.6	47.1	7.7	55.0
Cluster 4: Nature and Implications of Science	14	25	7.8	55.7	7.8	55.7	8.5	60.7

Cluster 1: Life Sciences

- A. Classifying Life Forms
- B. Ecology
- C. Cells

Cluster 2: Physical Sciences

- E. Structure of Matter
- H. Energy
- I. Motion

Cluster 3: Earth and Space Sciences

- D. Continuity and Change
- F. The Earth
- G. The Universe

Cluster 4: Nature and Implications of Science

- J. Inquiry and Problem Solving
- K. Scientific Reasoning
- L. Communication
- M. Implications of Science & Technology

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	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	38	5	13	12	32	15	39	6	16	843	38	13	32	39	16	843	14907	16	51	21	12	847
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	1										1						349	4	35	26	34	837
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						117	8	40	28	24	840
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						181	20	50	15	15	849
Hispanic	1										1						131	5	50	22	23	842
Caucasian/White	36	5	14	10	28	15	42	6	17	843	36	14	28	42	17	843	14129	16	52	21	11	848
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	4										4						2258	3	29	31	37	836
No	34	5	15	12	35	14	41	3	9	846	34	15	35	41	9	846	12649	18	55	20	7	850
Current LEP																						
Yes	8	1	13	0	0	5	63	2	25	835	8	13	0	63	25	835	315	4	29	25	42	834
No	30	4	13	12	40	10	33	4	13	845	30	13	40	33	13	845	14592	16	52	21	11	848
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	22	0	0	5	23	12	55	5	23	836	22	0	23	55	23	836	5206	8	45	28	20	842
No	16	5	31	7	44	3	19	1	6	852	16	31	44	19	6	852	9701	20	55	18	7	850
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						7	29	57	14	0	852
No	38	5	13	12	32	15	39	6	16	843	38	13	32	39	16	843	14900	16	51	21	12	847
Gender																						
Female	18	1	6	4	22	9	50	4	22	838	18	6	22	50	22	838	7196	14	52	23	12	847
Male	20	4	20	8	40	6	30	2	10	847	20	20	40	30	10	847	7711	18	51	20	12	848
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						804	6	38	34	22	841
No	38	5	13	12	32	15	39	6	16	843	38	13	32	39	16	843	14103	16	52	21	11	848
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						592	63	35	1	0	865
No	38	5	13	12	32	15	39	6	16	843	38	13	32	39	16	843	14315	14	52	22	12	847

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Test Date: March 2008
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										0						9	10	40	26	23	842
B. less than one hour	47	3	17	5	28	7	39	3	17	843	47	17	28	39	17	843	46	14	52	22	12	847
C. one to two hours	50	2	11	7	37	7	37	3	16	843	50	11	37	37	16	843	41	19	53	19	9	849
D. more than two hours	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	840	3	0	0	100	0	840	5	19	47	21	14	848
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about science?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in science class.	16	1	17	3	50	2	33	0	0	849	16	17	50	33	0	849	29	19	54	19	9	849
B. They match some of what I have learned.	53	2	10	6	30	7	35	5	25	840	53	10	30	35	25	840	49	16	51	22	11	848
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	26	1	10	3	30	5	50	1	10	843	26	10	30	50	10	843	18	13	51	23	13	846
D. There is no match.	5	1	50	0	0	1	50	0	0	850	5	50	0	50	0	850	5	9	39	29	23	842
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in science?																						
A. very good	21	2	25	3	38	3	38	0	0	851	21	25	38	38	0	851	23	28	51	13	8	853
B. good	55	2	10	9	43	9	43	1	5	845	55	10	43	43	5	845	54	15	55	21	9	848
C. fair	24	1	11	0	0	3	33	5	56	829	24	11	0	33	56	829	20	5	45	32	18	842
D. poor	0										0						3	2	35	34	29	838
How difficult was the science part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	34	2	15	3	23	5	38	3	23	842	34	15	23	38	23	842	27	15	49	22	14	846
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	53	2	10	7	35	8	40	3	15	842	53	10	35	40	15	842	59	15	53	22	10	848
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	13	1	20	2	40	2	40	0	0	848	13	20	40	40	0	848	13	21	51	18	10	850
How hard did you try on the science part of this test?																						
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	55	3	14	7	33	7	33	4	19	842	55	14	33	33	19	842	40	15	51	22	12	847
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	42	2	13	5	31	7	44	2	13	843	42	13	31	44	13	843	55	17	53	21	10	848
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	840	3	0	0	100	0	840	5	12	41	25	22	843
Which courses do you plan to take before you graduate from high school?																						
A. earth and space science and/or biology	26	2	20	2	20	3	30	3	30	839	26	20	20	30	30	839	25	11	53	23	13	846
B. the course(s) described in A, plus chemistry	18	0	0	2	29	3	43	2	29	837	18	0	29	43	29	837	24	18	53	20	10	849
C. the course(s) described in B, plus physics	18	3	43	2	29	1	14	1	14	852	18	43	29	14	14	852	22	30	47	14	8	853
D. a life science and physical science class	37	0	0	6	43	8	57	0	0	844	37	0	43	57	0	844	29	8	52	27	14	844
How do you feel about the following statement? <i>"My knowledge of science and technology will be useful to me as an adult."</i>																						
A. strongly agree	32	3	25	3	25	4	33	2	17	847	32	25	25	33	17	847	27	23	51	17	9	851
B. agree	53	1	5	7	35	8	40	4	20	839	53	5	35	40	20	839	54	15	53	21	11	847
C. disagree	13	1	20	2	40	2	40	0	0	850	13	20	40	40	0	850	15	10	50	26	14	845
D. strongly disagree	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	840	3	0	0	100	0	840	4	7	39	30	24	841
How well does the following statement reflect your future goals? <i>"I am interested in a career related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics."</i>																						
A. strongly agree	37	4	29	5	36	4	29	1	7	852	37	29	36	29	7	852	25	24	52	15	8	851
B. agree	26	1	10	2	20	4	40	3	30	832	26	10	20	40	30	832	37	15	50	22	12	847
C. disagree	32	0	0	5	42	5	42	2	17	842	32	0	42	42	17	842	26	12	53	23	12	846
D. strongly disagree	5	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	840	5	0	0	100	0	840	12	8	48	28	15	844
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

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